

## KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

July 10, 2023

Hybrid In Person and Zoom

### Attendees

In Person:

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Annette McCoubry	KJ6SWK
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Hal Graboske	KK6NDF
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Ednalee Warnecke	KN6VTY
Jim Marks	KN6VTC
Mike Camp	KI7FQ

via Zoom:

Don Simon	NI6A
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Susan Yeaman	KN6CMR
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Martha Richards	K6ELO
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
Lorraine Schnurr	KN6CRT
Rhys Hiltner	AK6BA
Elyse Eisenberg	

### Agenda:

Call to order/logistics

Introductions

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Agenda

Treasurer's report

New business

Report on CERT National Conference Recently held in San Francisco

National Night Out, Aug 1, 2023  
Potential SOTA/POTA field operation (July 29 or Aug 5?) in local park (Angel Island or?)  
KPH tour headcount and dates  
Old business  
Review of 4th of July event  
Outreach/PR/web  
Tech./Infrastructure  
Elmering  
Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs  
Training and Operations  
Review and follow-up for Field Day, Sat. June 24th at Kensington Park  
Adjourn

Meeting called to order.

The June membership meeting minutes were approved  
The meeting agenda was approved  
Treasurer's report:

### **Business session**

#### **Report on CERT National Conference in SF**

- The conference was attended by many hams.

#### **National Night Out, Tuesday, Aug. 1**

- NNO could be an opportunity for PR for neighborhood nets.

#### **Possibility of POTA or SOTA**

- Possible dates are July 29 or Aug. 5.
- Possible locations could be a local park or Angel Island.

#### **Visit and tour of KPH**

- Possible dates are being investigated.
- A preliminary count showed that 12 members are interested in visiting KPH.
- A suggestion was made to invite EBARC members to any of our activities.

#### **Coordination with Fire Department**

- Chief Saylor announced the restart of CERT training.
- The chief is restructuring emergency areas to the zonehaven system coordinated with the fire stations. The details are still to be decided.
- The chief has been open to more meetings with Howdy KE6BEE.

## **Training**

### **Fall SET**

- We are looking at a date in late October.

### **Field Day Review**

- Now that KE has been taking part in Field Day for the last 3 years it has been a valuable experience for learning about outdoor operating and teamwork.
- Many members contributed with an HF CW station, an HF voice station, an HF digital station, a VHF voice station, an emergency email server demonstration, a safety officer, and food provision.
- Some of the visitors came intentionally for the event, others happened to be walking by.
- One difficulty we found that needs to be worked on is when the digital station uses a mode that requires precise timing and we don't have an internet connection to keep the computer clock precise, the digital mode may not work. A GPS attachment may be needed to keep the clock precise when in the field.
- The KCC lawn where we set up this year worked well enough but it's possible we might look for a different location next year for a comparison.
- A difficulty of this location was that it was hard for visitors to find. If we are in the same location next year perhaps we should provide more signage.
- There was some interference between our stations but that could happen at any location. The band conditions were such that only 20M and 40M were usable which made the interference worse. Spacing the stations as far apart as possible could lessen the interference.
- Frans KJ6IUV made a great video of the event.

### **El Cerrito 4th of July Review**

- The event was well attended, many KE business cards were given out.
- Several visitors filled out the sign-in sheet asking for more information.
- The Emergency Email Server was demoed. Difficulties to be solved:
  - The computer monitor is hard to see in the sunlight.
  - The QR code meant to provide a quick connection to the EES did not work on all smart-phones.
- We need to follow up and contact the visitors who signed in at both Field Day and July 4th. Frans KJ6IUV volunteered to do the follow-up.

Meeting adjourned.